

GAUGING STATIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Distribution of Gauging Stations with Flow Records on the National River Flow Archive



The gauging station number is a unique reference number (e.g. 39016) which serves as the primary identifier for the station record on the National River Flow Archive. The first digit is a regional identifier being 0 (usually not shown) for mainland Britain, 1 for the islands around Britain and 2 for Ireland. The next two digits identify the hydrometric area - these are either integral river catchments having one or more outlets to the sea or tidal estuary, or, for convenience, they may include several contiguous river catchments having topographical similarity with separate tidal outlets. In mainland Britain the hydrometric areas are numbered in clockwise order around the coast starting in north-east Scotland. Ireland has a unified numbering system for hydrometric areas but not all have an outlet to the coast.

Comprehensive reference details relating to all UK gauging stations are given on the NRFA website and in the UK Hydrometric Register - copies may be obtained from the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology.

Responsibility for river flow measurement in the UK rests principally with the Environment Agency in England, Natural Resources Wales, the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and, in Northern Ireland, the Rivers Agency.

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